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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICES WITH DAOS

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1. EMBASSY REMAINS CONVINCED THAT PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE
DAO AND ODC (THE HAGUE 1056) IS VALID AND SHOULD BE
PROMPTLY IMPLEMENTED. BOTH PREVIOUS AMBASSADORS REPEATEDLY
URGED SUCH CONSOLIDATION. US MILITARY REPRESENTATION
IN NETHERLANDS IS DISPROPORTIONATE TO WORK REQUIREMENTS,
OTHER EMBASSY STAFF AND MILITARY COMPLEMENT IN OTHER
LOCAL EMBASSIES. CONSOLIDATION WOULD IMPROVE MANAGEMENT,
INSURE MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES AND PERMIT PERSONNEL
REDUCTION AND EVENTUAL SAVINGS.

2. WE WOULD ENVISAGE NEW COMBINED MILITARY OFFICE
COMPRISED OF FOUR OFFICERS, ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY, ONE
LOCAL SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ONE TRANSLATOR,
TWO CHAUFFEURS AND THREE ENLISTED MILITARY PERSONNEL.

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NAVY CAPTAIN COULD HEAD OFFICE, SUPPORTED BY ARMY AND
AIR FORCE COLONELS WITH FOURTH OFFICER EITHER MARINE
MAJOR OR NAVY COMMANDER. THIS WOULD MEAN REDUCTION OF
THREE OFFICERS FROM MILITARY COMPLEMENT AFTER ALREADY
AUTHORIZED CUTS IN DAO. IT WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE ONE
AMERICAN AND ONE LOCAL SECRETARY. IT WOULD ENABLE
EMBASSY TO UTILIZE CHANCERY OFFICE SPACE MORE EFFICIENTLY.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE CONSOLIDATION WOULD POSE ANY PROBLEM FOR DUTCH. ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS DUTCH MOD OFFICIALS AND SENIOR DUTCH MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR SINGLE POINT OF MILITARY CONTACT. A CONSOLIDATED MILITARY UNIT PERFORMING BOTH SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION FUNCTIONS WOULD BE BETTER AT BOTH TASKS BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE ACROSS-THE-BOARD CONTACTS WITH DUTCH MILITARY AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO ALL SERVICES.

4. WE ASSUME THAT NEED FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUNCTION IN NETHERLANDS WILL EVENTUALLY DISAPPEAR AND TO CONSIDERABLE EXTENT DUTCH WILL TAKE INITIATIVE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH WASHINGTON. INDEED THIS PATTERN OF DUTCH BEHAVIOR IS ALREADY EMERGING AND CONSTITUTES ONE MORE REASON IN FAVOR OF CONSOLIDATION.

5. SUGGEST DEPT ALSO REVIEW THE HAGUE 3RYU WHICH GIVES VIEWS OF ODC, DAO AND CHARGE IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM USCINCEUR.

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